# DESIGNING ON A BUDGET

# **DO-IT-YOURSELF**

- Lots of people know how to do a bit of desktop publishing.

  Ask around in your organization.
  - Remember the basic principles & elements of design
    - When in doubt, keep it simple

# **WORKING WITH STUDENTS**

PROS:

- Inexpensive to Free

- Potentially fresh design style

- Potentially fast, if motivated

CONS:

- Inexperienced

- Potentially unprofessional behavior

- Potentially slow

### **WORKING WITH A PROFESSIONAL**

- Get a simple written contract outlining the job and expectations
  - Shop around to find the right person—have faith in them!
- Have one point person in your organization working with the designer, responsible to make or convey all final decisions

### **MONEY-SAVING TIPS:**

- Be organized and clear about what you want
  - Allow plenty of time no rush jobs
- Ask about less expensive production options
- Print or produce only what you need / use digital materials if possible